(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी परियोजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार ऐसे मामलों में कितनी वित्तीय सहायता देने का विचार रखती है?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Approval of Dehang and Subansiri Reservoir Projects

2995. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dehang and Subansiri Reservoir Projects have been approved by the Brahmaputra Board;

(b) if so, whether these projects have been included in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The Dihang and Subansiri Dam Projects have not been approved. Detailed investigations could not be carried for want of permission from Arunachal Pradesh.

River Water Disputes Among States of Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab

2996. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the existing usage of water by the States of Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab as against the optimum utilisation copacity from the rivers in dispute;

(b) what is the position as on date with regard to the river water dispute among these states;

(c) what are the awards/agreements if any, for sharing the water among the contending states of Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana besides Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) whether Government propose to give a second look to the whole issue afresh or to refer the issue to the Supreme Court for a verdict; if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA) : (a) The dispute betwen Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab is concerning surplus Ravi-Beas Waters. According to the water accounts mentioned by Bhakra Beas Management Board the actual use of Ravi-Beas Waters by the three States are as under:—

(All figures in Million Cubic Meters (MCM)

Period	Rajasthan	Punjab	Haryana
21.5.87 to 20.9.87	3401	4701	817
21.9.87 to 20.5.88	3426	3594	1096
21.5.88 to 20.9.88	3229	3984	441
21.9.88 to 20.5.89	6413	3383	1321
21.5.89 to 20.9.89	3543	4607	846
21.9.89 to 20.5.90	5214	3743	1540
21.5.90 to 20.9.90	3862	4406	480
21.9.90 to 20.5.91	6681	3347	1573
21.5.91 to 20.9.91	4053	4889	537
21.9.91 to 20.5.92	5949	3629	1184
21.5.92 to 20.9.92	3257	4409	641

As per the Agreement of 31.12.81 the shares in surplus waters of Ravi-Beas rivers are 10608 MCM for Rajasthan, 5205 MCM for Punjab and 4317 MCM for Haryana. These shares are based on average annual availability.

(b) and (d) The dispute concerning allocation of Ravi-Beas Waters has been referred to a Tribunal constituted by the Central Government under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956, on 2.4.86. On the report given by the Tribunal the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan and the Central Government have sought explanation and guidance on certain points from the Tribunal. Government of Punjab had thereafter pleaded before the Tribunal that the proceedings of the Tribunal be kept in abeyance till a popular Government was established in Punjab. With the installation of the popular Government in Punjab discussions have been initiated with the States to explore the possibilities of sorting out the various issues amicably.

(c) Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab are at present being supplied waters from the Ravi-Beas system in accordance with the inter-State Agreement of 31.12.81. Uttar Pradesh is not allocated any waters from these rivers.

Recommendation of Vaidyanathan Committee Report

2997. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tenth National Conference of Water Resources and Irrigation Ministers was recently held at New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the issues like funding of irrigation projects and environmental preparation for such projects are rehabilitation measures for reservoirs of major and medium projects, ground water recharge programme, provision of water supply from irrigation projects and irrigation management policy were discussed in depth;

(c) the details of the policy decisions taken therein;

(d) what are the details of Vaidyanathan Committee report on water rates and action taken thereon; and

(e) whether Government propose to set up water Finance Corporation during Eighth Plan and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir,

(c) The recommendations of the Conference are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(d) The Vaidyanathan Committee on pricing of irrigation water submitted its report in September, 1992. The recommendations made in the report include; treating water rates as users charge; the objective of water charge is ultimately to recover cost; linking revision of water rates to the improvement of the quality of service; revision and implementation of water rates in phases; consolidation of the system of farmer group management; upgrading the system to higher level efficiency in water use and productivity; setting up expert's group at the State level for working out norms and procedure for periodic monitoring; setting up of autonomous boards at the State level to review policy regarding cost of water, revising water rates and introducing a minimum financial return criteria. 'Irrigation' being a State subject, decisions on water rates can be taken only in consultation with the State Government and the administrations of Union Territories.

(e) The proposal to set up an Irrigation Finance Corporation during 8th Plan is not accepted.